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NEWS RELEASE

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON MUG AND SWEATSHIRT GET TWO MINUTES OF FAME IN EPISODE OF CBS' 'FAMILY LAW'

DAYTON, Ohio — The University of Dayton's trademark logo, featuring the Immaculate Conception Chapel, had two seconds in the spotlight Monday, Feb. 25, on an episode of *Family Law* on CBS.

In an early scene, attorney Rex Weller (played by Christopher McDonald) passed a mug of coffee to fellow attorney Lynn Holt (played by Kathleen Quinlan). That was no ordinary mug, however — the University of Dayton logo was displayed in full view of the camera.

In an elongated scene later in the episode, Rex relaxes in front of the television at Holt's home — bedecked in his UD School of Law sweatshirt.

The road to the logo's stardom stemmed from an episode that aired Sept. 24, 2001. Weller, whose character is an alumnus of UD's law school, was compelled to defend his alma mater when character Emily Resnick (played by Meredith Eaton) made a disparaging comment about the ol' red and blue. "UD is a hell of a school!" Weller countered.

As a gesture of thanks, UD's public relations office sent Weller (McDonald) a few of the items that have helped many law school students make it to graduation — coffee mugs and comfortable sweats. Weller's out-of-the-courtroom defense and photo were also featured in recent issues of the *University of Dayton Quarterly* and *Dayton Lawyer*.

When *Family Law* executive producer David Shore saw the piece in UDQ, he was pleased, said Frank Irving, who serves as prop master for the show and called with Shore's request for a few more items bearing the University of Dayton name to use on the set.

"We're delighted," said Lisa Kloppenberg, dean of the University of Dayton School of Law. "In addition to the wonderful work done by our professors, students and *real* alumni that often generates attention from the media, this was a great opportunity to be in the national spotlight!"

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